(c) if not, the remedial measures proposed to be taken to stop malpractices by the dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). Fair Price Shops in Delhi are giving ration to card holders according to instructions issued by the Delhi Administration to ensure that minimum of 8kg. of wheat per adult per month is given to resident s of Jhuggi Jhopri clusters/ resettlement colonies. Regular inspections as well as surprise raids are undertaken to see that ration items are undertaken to see that raton items are not diverted into unauthorised channels. Appropriate action is taken against those indulging in mal-practices.

Exploration by Indian Rare Earths Limited

3332. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) whether the Indian Rare Earths Limited has undertaken exploration activities at various places in Tamil Nadu other than at Manavalakuruchi; and

(b) if so, the details therof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy has undertaken exploration work at Kudiraimozi Teri in the V.O. Chidambaranar dist. of Tamil Nadu. Based on this exploration work, feasibility studies have been undertaken by Indian Rare Earths Limited.

(b) Exploration work carried out by Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy has proved that heavy sand mineralisation occure over an area of about 22.6 sq. km. in Kudiraimozhi Teri in the V.O. .Chidambaranar Dist. in Tamil Nadu. The deposit contains approx. 160 million tonnes of sand wirh a heavy mineral content of about 13 million tonnes. The major heavy mineral ilmenite, amounts to about 9 (nine million tonnes.

Appointment on Compassionate Grounds

3333. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) whether Under the instructions issued for appointment to Group 'C' posts on compassionate grounds, the Heads of the Departments are empowered to relax the minimum educational qualifications prescribed for the posts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that relaxation of minimum educational qualifications has been given in some Ministeries/Departments while appointing the persons on compassionate grounds to Group 'C' posts; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b): Under the existing instuctions for compassionate appointment, Departments are competent to relax temporarily educational qualifications in the case of appointment at the lowest level i.e. Group 'D' or LDC post, in exceptional circumsatnces where the condi-